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SUBJECT: GOP FINES MAGAZINES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH OBSURE RULE

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1. IN THE WAKE OF THE OFFICIAL DENOUNCEMENT OF INDEPENDENT MAGAZINES AND WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS AS "DESTABILIZING" AND PERSISTENTLY HOSTILE TO THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT (REFTTEL), THE GOP APR 4 ANNOUNCED THAT 11 INDEPENDENT PUBLICATIONS ARE TO BE FINED \$50,000 EACH (\$384) FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH A REGULATION REQUIRING THEM TO PRINT IN THEIR MARCH NUMBERS A LIST OF SHAREHOLDERS, DIRECTORS, AND SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL. WHILE THE EARLIER DENUNCIATION CAME IN THE FORM OF A JOINT CHIEFS' COMMUNIQUE, THE ENTITY APPLYING THE FINES IS THE PREFECTURATE OF LIMA. THE PUBLICATIONS AFFECTED RUN THE GAMUT FROM FAR-RIGHT ("EL TIEMPO" AND "OPINION LIBRE" WHICH HAVE BEEN HIGHLY CRITICAL AND ASCERBIC) TO FAR LEFT (COMMUNIST PARTY SPONSORED "UNIDAD" AND "MARKA".) THEY INCLUDE APRA-RELATED "VA SE," "IMPACTO" AND "ABC," ENRIQUE ZILERI'S PRESTIGIOUS "CARETAS," AP-RELATED "OIGA 78" AND ISMAEL FRIAS' "EQUIS-X.

2. COMMENT: THE ENFORCEMENT OF AN OBSCURE PRESS REGULATION
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APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF OFFICIAL PIQUE AT THE KIND OF "IRRESPONSIBLE" JOURNALISM, (INCLUDING HIGHLY CRITICAL ARTICLES REVEALING UNFLATTERING DETAILS OF GOP ECONOMIC POLICY) THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED THE INDEPENDENT PRESS IN RECENT MONTHS. WHILE THE FINE INVOLVED IS OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE (EXCEPT POSSIBLY TO "EQUIS-X, WHICH IS RUMORED TO BE ON THE BRINK OF BANKRUPTCY), IT DOES REPRESENT A

VEILED BUT OFFICIAL WARNING THAT ALTHOUGH PRIOR CENSORSHIP OF
MAGAZINES WAS LIFTED IN LATE 1977, GOP TOLERANCE OF PRESS
CRITICISM IS DEFINITELY LIMITED.
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